



**JUSTICE COURTS OF REFUGIO COUNTY**

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**\*\* PLEASE READ THIS LETTER BEFORE CALLING \*\***

This letter is furnished as a courtesy to you by the Justice Courts of Refugio County, Texas to assist you in making disposition of the charge filed against you. ***PLEASE NOTE: A TELEPHONE CALL IS NOT AN APPEARANCE; AN APPEARANCE IN COURT IS ONLY BY CERTIFIED MAIL, IN PERSON OR BY YOUR ATTORNEY. THE JUDGE CANNOT DISCUSS THE MERITS OF PENDING JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS PRIOR TO TRIAL*** (Canon 3(5) Code of Judicial Conduct).

**\*\*\* WARNING \*\*\***

*FAILURE TO RESPOND TO THE CHARGE(S) BY THE APPEARANCE DATE SHOWN ON YOUR CITATION MAY RESULT IN AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF "FAILURE TO APPEAR." THE COURT MAY ALSO DENY RENEWAL OF YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE. JUVENILES: IF YOU ARE SIXTEEN (16) YEARS OF AGE OR UNDER THE "FINE SCHEDULE" LIST DOES NOT APPLY TO YOU. YOU **MUST** APPEAR WITH YOUR PARENT, LEGAL GUARDIAN OR ATTORNEY. A JUVENILE WHO FAILS TO APPEAR BY THE TIME AND DATE ON YOUR CITATION MAY HAVE THEIR LICENSE SUSPENDED AS REQUIRED BY LAW.*

If you wish to enter a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, please indicate in the proper space provided. A plea of Nolo Contendere means that you do not contest the state's charge(s) against you. The fine for a nolo contendere plea is the same as that for a plea of guilty. Either plea indicates that you agree to waive appearance before the court of trial. **A PLEA MUST BE ENTERED WITH PAYMENT.**

If you wish to enter a plea of "**NOT GUILTY**" and desire a trial, you must so indicate in the proper space provided. If you enter a plea of "**NOT GUILTY**", you must appear before the Court. You must return this letter and a copy of the citation no later than the **APPEARANCE** date shown on the citation. You shall be notified by return mail of the court date set for your hearing. You have the right to a trial by jury, if you so request.

**Driving Safety Course:** Under the laws of the State of Texas, you may be able to have this (one) charge dismissed by taking a driver safety course: **HOWEVER**, you lose that right if you do not provide written notice to the court to do so on or before your appearance date (as shown on your citation). If you wish to use this option to have this citation dismissed, read and complete the request form on the reverse side and return it to the Court with the required fee and proof of insurance on or before your appearance date. You will have 90 days from the date of request to provide the Court with the required documentation showing successful completion of an approved Driving Safety Course.

Thank You,

The Justice Courts of Refugio County, Texas

*A CONVICTION OF AN OFFENSE UNDER A TRAFFIC LAW OF THIS STATE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE MAY RESULT IN THE ASSESSMENT ON YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE OF A SURCHARGE UNDER THE DRIVER RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAM.*

**REPLY FORMS**

Mail to Justice Court on the front of letter **BY** the **APPEARANCE DATE** on the citation.  
Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope if you need a receipt.

CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ I Hereby enter a plea of **GUILTY** and waive appearance at trial. A **CASHIER'S CHECK**, **COMPANY CHECK** or **MONEY ORDER** in the amount of fine(s) is enclosed.
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ I Hereby enter a plea of **NOLO CONTENDERE** and waive appearance at trial. A **CASHIER'S CHECK**, **COMPANY CHECK** or **MONEY ORDER** in the amount of fine(s) is enclosed.
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ I Hereby enter a plea of **NOT GUILTY** and waive my right to a jury trial. I request a trial by judge.
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ I Hereby enter a plea of **NOT GUILTY** and request a jury trial.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITATION # \_\_\_\_\_ PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DRIVER'S LICENSE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

Detach here & mail with fine or not guilty plea to the court indicated on the reverse

**REQUEST FORM FOR DRIVING SAFETY COURSE**

*FAILURE TO REMIT THIS FORM ON OR BEFORE YOUR APPEARANCE DATE WILL RESULT IN INELIGIBILITY FOR THE COURSE*

**CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

I Hereby enter a plea of \_\_\_\_\_ **NO CONTENDERE** \_\_\_\_\_ **GUILTY**

This is my written request to take the "DRIVER'S SAFETY COURSE"

*You are not eligible for DSC option if:*

- a. *You were speeding 25 MPH or more above the posted speed limit*
- b. *Your speed was 95 mph or more*
- c. *Your offense occurred in a construction zone with workers present*
- d. *You are a commercial driver's license (CDL) holder or at the time the offense was committed*

**FOLLOW ALL THE STEPS BELOW:**

- A. Enclosed a **NON-REFUNDABLE** fee of \$112.00 in form of **cashier's check or money order**
- B. My Texas driver license number is \_\_\_\_\_ (**MUST BE INCLUDED**) or proof of active duty military service or if possess a non-Texas driver license (a photocopy is acceptable) **NO ORIGINAL PLEASE!**
- C. I hereby enclose proof of financial responsibility (liability insurance). **MUST BE INCLUDED**
- D. I affirm that I have not taken a Driver's Safety Course in the previous 12 month period and I am not currently enrolled in one.
- E. If I qualify for the DSC option, I understand I have 90 days from my request date to:
  - a. Submit proof of completion of a Driving Safety Course approved by the Texas Department of Public Safety
  - b. Submit to the court a certified copy of my driving record which may be obtained by submitting the application the Court will mail me to Austin with proper fee as required by law OR I may obtain my record online at:  
**https://www.txdps.state.tx.us/internetforms/forms/dr-1.pdf**
- G. I understand that this form must be notarized (if you are mailing the request to the court)
- H. I have enclosed a self-addressed stamped business size envelope that will be returned to me with my orders.

*I certify that I have a valid Texas driver's license or permit; that the alleged speed was not 25 mph or more above the posted limit or 95 mph or above; that I have not completed a course under CCP Art. 45.0511, within the past 12 months and am not in the process of taking such a course; and that I have not completed a course under CCP Art.45.0511, which is not reflected on my driving record.*

*I understand that I am not eligible for the Driving Safety Course unless I provide proof of liability insurance as required by Texas Motor Vehicle Safety-Responsibility Act.*

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

**SCHEDULE OF FINES**  
**ENCLOSE A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED BUSINESS SIZE ENVELOPE IF YOU NEED A RECEIPT**

**SPEEDING VIOLATIONS**

1 TO 10 MPH.....\$ 167.00  
11 TO 15 MPH..... \$ 187.00  
16 TO 20 MPH..... \$ 227.00  
1 TO 25 MPH.....\$ 267.00  
OVER 25 MPH..... \$ 302.00

**SPEEDING IN SCHOOL ZONES**

1 TO 5 MPH .....\$ 207.00  
6 TO 10 MPH .....\$ 222.00  
11 TO 25 MPH ..... \$ 302.00  
26 MPH & OVER..... \$ 342.00

**VIOLATE PROMISE TO APPEAR ..... \$350.00**

NO SEAT BELT – DRIVER/PASSENGER	\$167.00
UNRESTRAINED CHILD	\$217.00
NO DRIVER’S LICENSE	\$337.00
EXPIRED DRIVER’S LICENSE	\$147.00
FAILURE TO DISPLAY DRIVER’S LICENSE	\$137.00
VIOLATE DRIVER’S LICENSE RESTRICTION	\$147.00
NO LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$357.00
NO OR EXPRIED MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION	\$147.00
NO OR EXPIRED MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION	\$147.00
DISPLAY FICTITIOUS LICENSE PLATES OR MVI CERTIFICATE	\$317.00
UNSAFE SPEED	\$227.00
RACING OR CONTEST OF SPEED	\$317.00
ILLEGAL, UNSAFE, OR IMPROPER TURN	\$147.00
FAILURE TO DRIVE IN SINGLE LANE	\$147.00
FAILURE TO YIELD RIGHT OF WAY	\$147.00
PASSING IN NO PASSING ZONE	\$147.00
PASSING WITH INSUFFICIENT CLEARANCE	\$147.00
FOLLOWING TO CLOSE	\$147.00
NO HEAD LIGHT OR NO TAIL LIGHT	\$147.00
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	\$147.00
OPEN CONTAINER IN MOTOR VEHICLE	\$307.00
UNAPPROVED WINDOW COATING	\$147.00

**VIOLATION OF COMPULSORY INSURANCE LAW**

1 <sup>ST</sup> Offense	\$357.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	\$557.00
Subsequent	Punishable by fine not exceed \$2000.00 and/or vehicle impoundment

FOR ANY VIOLATIONS NOT LISTED, PLEASE CONTACT COURT

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**INTERNET PAYMENT: \*\* A fee of 5.5% of total will be added to total \*\***

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CLICK: COUNTY OFFICE  
CLICK: JUSTICE OF THE PEACE  
CLICK: PRECINCT #1 JUDGE LORRAINE LOPEZ  
CLICK: MAKE PAYMENT ON-LINE  
THEN FOLLOW ALL PROMPTS CAREFULLY

OR

CALL OUR OFFICE AT 361-526-4877 TO MAKE A CREDIT CARD PAYMENT OVER THE PHONE. THERE IS A FEE OF **5.5% OF TOTAL WILL BE ADDED TO TOTAL.**